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SUBJECT: RUMORED SOVIET CHARTERING ACTIVITY FOR US GRAIN HAULAGE

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1. DURING CALL ON USSR MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE FOREIGN
RELATIONS CHIEF AVERIN JULY 15 ON OTHER BUSINESS, EMBOFFS
DELIVERED TEXT OF REFTEL (WHICH MINISTRY HAD NOT RPT NOT YET
RECEIVED DIRECTLY). REGARDING POSSIBLE US GRAIN PURCHASES AND
SOVIET CHARTERING PROGRAM DURING SECOND HALF 1975, AVERIN STATED:
(A) THAT WHILE SOVIET GRAIN TRADERS WERE DOUBTLESS NEGOTIATING
WITH US DEALERS, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO CONTRACTS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED
AND NONE WOULD BE UNTIL EXTENT OF US HARVEST BECAME MORE CLEAR;
AND (B) THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT RPT NOT
EXPANDED CHARTER PROGRAM WITH VIEW TO US-USSR GRAIN HAULAGE
DURING LAST HALF OF 1975. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, AVERIN
SPECULATED THAT ANY CHARTERING ACTIVITY NOW UNDER WAY IS PROBABLY
CONNECTED WITH BULK (I.E. GRAIN) HAULAGE FROM AUSTRALIA TO
PACIFIC COAST OF USSR, ON WHICH ROUTE THERE IS PRESENTLY CONSI-
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DERABLE TONNAGE DEFICIENCY. (COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT WOULD

SEEM TO INDICATE THAT AUSTRALIA MIGHT BE A SUPPLIER OF GRAIN
TO USSR THIS YEAR. END COMMENT)

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ROMANIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW AGRICULTURAL
SPECIALIST TOLD EMBOFF AT LUNCHEON JULY 15 THAT IN HIS OPINION
SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST WILL NOT EXCEED 180 MILLION METRIC TONS,
APPROXIMATELY A 15 PERCENT SHORTFALL FROM PLANNED GOALS FOR
1975. HE SPECULATED THAT USSR WILL BE IN MARKET FOR AROUND 20
MILLION TONS OF GRAIN FROM WESTERN SUPPLIERS, I.E., CHIEFLY
THE U.S.
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